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## *Revisions and Corrections to the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 6, Section 30 and Various Sections in Chapter 15*

**Note:** This article was revised to contain Web addresses that conform to the new CMS web site and to show they are now MLN Matters articles. All other information remains the same.

### Provider Types Affected

Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) billing Medicare Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs)

### Provider Action Needed

This article includes information provided in Change Request (CR) 3664 which revises the Medicare Claims Processing Manual to include International Classification of Diseases, 9th Edition, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM) coding guidance for Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs).

### Background

CR 3664 revises the Medicare Claims Processing Manual (Pub. 100-04, Chapter 6 (SNF Inpatient Part A Billing), Section 30 (Billing SNF PPS Services)), to include the following ICD-9-CM coding guidance for SNFs:

- **Principal Diagnosis Code** - SNFs should enter the ICD-9-CM code for the principal diagnosis in FL 67. The code must be reported according to Official ICD-9-CM Guidelines for Coding and Reporting, as required by 1) the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), and 2) any applicable guidelines regarding the use of V codes. The code must be the full ICD-9-CM diagnosis code, including all five digits where applicable.
- **Other Diagnosis Codes Required** – SNFs should enter the full ICD-9-CM codes for up to eight additional conditions in FLs 68-75. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) does not have any additional requirements regarding the reporting or sequence of the codes beyond those contained in the ICD-9-CM guidelines.

For complete details regarding these changes, including the revised portions of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, please see the official instruction issued to your intermediary. That instruction may be viewed by going to <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R437CP.pdf> on the CMS web site.

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## Implementation

The implementation date for this instruction is February 22, 2005.

## Additional Information

If you have any questions, please contact your intermediary at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.pdf> on the CMS web site.

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